

## The Independent.

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## Local Department.

JOHN W. DAY, Local Editor.

## County Interests.

We are pleased to notice a great improvement in the tone of the *Gazette* in reference to the petition for County Buildings. It no longer threatens with indignation nor fulminates the thunders of "remonstrance." A very short continuance of this favorable reaction, and it will be entirely convalescent.

As regards the petition which so excited its ire a couple of weeks since, we know but little. We have never seen the document, and do not speak for those who have it in charge. We do not know whether they will present it to the County Board or not.

No one doubts but we need a Court House and County Offices. The records of the county are not safe where they now are, and if they should be lost, it would cost the county more than to build, and might lead to the most unpleasant and tedious litigations. Besides, the county must be taxed to pay rents, which is money gone without a return, and if this could be saved and some added to it for five years towards the construction of the necessary buildings, it might be the best policy, even if some "professional men" are not making enough to pay taxes; and we hardly believe, that if the Board, after mature deliberation, should come to this conclusion, and order an appropriation for that purpose, as an honest act of duty, that they and the whole county would be "upset" and the deuce generally to pay; but the *Gazette* (alias Jefferson county) says so, and is "known."

However, so far as we are concerned personally, and we only speak for ourselves, we are willing to lay aside this and all other local issues, and unite for the accomplishment of more immediately important ends; and we made the proposition in good faith, to let these matters rest, and give our united efforts to the more overshadowing interests at stake. If the *Gazette* is of the same mind, as it professes to be, then let us end all discussion of these minor matters, and in good faith work for the general welfare. We need all our energies for the work. The whole county, as one brotherhood, should stand shoulder to shoulder in the line, and move forward with one purpose; and let him be condemned who shall bring up questions that shall cause discord. In another column we embody some of our views on the railroad policy that Kansas should carry out; and so far as the interests of this county are concerned, we hope the *Gazette* will be with us; but whether it is or not, the citizens of Grasshopper Falls and vicinity may rest assured we shall contend for their rights to the very last. We desire the prosperity of every part of the county. Local interests must yield, as they undoubtedly ought, to the general welfare, no difference what merely personal disappointments may be caused.

The *Gazette*, however, we are sorry to say, judging others, we fear, by itself, says nothing but "strategy," in our proposition. If there is anything detestable about ground that passes a man with a show of respectability, it is your sneaking, wire-working bartering politician—one who is always attempting to overreach his neighbor. Like an assassin he works in the dark; he plots and plans to succeed by fraud; to swindle the people; to gain a selfish end by means that must forever make him feel little in his own eyes, if he has a soul worthy of alliance with humanity. Heaven deliver us from the whole tribe! It was just this class of politicians that brought this accursed rebellion upon us, and our country to the brink of ruin. We earnestly hope that whenever a man of this kind is found, the people will put him down forever.

Jeff. Davis, Toombs, Floyd and Company have furnished us with such notable examples of this stripe of tricksters and demagogues, we trust they will find less favor among freemen hereafter.

If the *Gazette* intends to do its work after such patterns, it must not measure us by its standard; but if not, then let us have done with "strategy," and as men actuated by noble purposes and honest resolves come out in open day, where God's sunlight can shine upon us, and heart to heart and hand in hand, stand by each other. Our interests in most respects are indivisible, and we ought to so regard them. All our energies should be put forth now to attain the great benefit which our country must derive from the railroad we ought to secure; and we ought to go into the fight thus undivided, unbroken front. Shall we do it?

The article on Railroads referred to above is unavoidably crowded out.

**Arrests.**  
Quite a number of persons were arrested in this vicinity last week on charges of disloyalty. In some instances we fear there were good grounds for the accusation; but in others, we regret to say, the individuals were only the subjects of private malice. We have not learned the names of any of those who gave information or made charges against those arrested; and we are glad we do not know them; for we can speak freely of their acts without being charged with any personal prejudices or preferences.

While it is the duty of every loyal citizen to watch with an eager eye to detect the foes of his country, especially when there is danger to be apprehended from them, there is nothing more despicable than for an individual to allow his private hate or dislike of a neighbor to make charges of disloyalty against him. Private differences should never be thought of in connection with the interests of the country; and no man whose heart is right will suffer himself to be led off from the right path by any such motive. All private grievances, dislikes and differences should be laid on the altar of our country, and sacrificed for her welfare. It is unpardonable to use them as fire-brands to cause discord and opposition among those who, for their country's sake, ought to be friends, standing firmly together as one man in the common cause, which ought to lay near every patriot's heart.

We hope that while every active disloyalist will be reported and brought to justice, we shall have no more arrests made on accusation growing out of a desire for private revenge. This is not the time to distract and divide those whose interests and feelings should bind them together. A word, we trust, will be sufficient to end this most inexcusable display of animosity.

**The Cemetery.**  
We are requested to ask the citizens of Oskaloosa and vicinity to meet on Saturday of next week, the 23rd inst., at 8 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of clearing away the underbrush from the Cemetery. This is a really needed work. The grounds there are sadly in want of attention, and should be cared for without delay. We hope there will be a full turnout of all who feel any interest in the matter. At present the Cemetery is in anything but a creditable condition. Let us have it "reformed," and the sooner the better. It should be made a credit to the town.

We had a call from Capt. Stout and a very pleasant interview with him on Monday. He is a gentleman of fine attainments, and most admirably adapted to the rather intricate duty he is detailed to perform. We believe his dealings with the settlers on the Reserve has almost invariably been such as to win their esteem and confidence; and he appears to have an intuitive perception into men's motives for bringing accusations against neighbors and citizens. Very quiet in his deportment, he keeps his eyes open and gives his orders with promptness. When it is necessary to detain or disperse persons, it is done. He is from Wisconsin, where as an editor for a number of years, he has exercised an influence in the State.

**William Evans** informs us that he has received one of Cook's Evaporators and Sugar Mills, which he will soon have in order for work. He will put the mill up on his father's farm, one mile east of this place, and expects in a week or ten days to be ready to commence the manufacture of molasses and sugar. He is a young man of energy and enterprise, and his experience in the manufacture of molasses from the Chinese and African cane will be a double assurance of the good quality of his manufacture.

The grape and plum crops are unusually abundant this year in this region. We were out in the timber a little while on Wednesday evening, and saw some wagon loads of these fruits; but only the earlier varieties are ripe yet.

**The Meeting.**  
On Thursday was well attended. The church was more than full, and the address of Judge Ewing was well-timed and patriotic. We hope the result will be favorable to enlistment.

**Died.**—In this place, on Saturday, August 9th, 1862, MIRA, infant daughter of JOHN W. and MARY J. DAY, aged one month and nine days.

As a delicate flower nipped by untimely frosts, little MIRA, just budding into life, was chilled by the winds of death and faded from earth. But the tender bud of mortality has been transplanted to bloom in eternal beauty where the blossoms never fade or fall, and where the wreath of immortality shall forever deck her brow, upon which the death dew will never glisten again. May the infinite and unalloyed happiness which shall crown all her future being be as the balm of hope to bind up the hearts of the bereaved parents.

## Disturbing Religious Meetings.

On last Monday Walter M. Burris, a young man of Jefferson township, was arrested for disturbing a religious meeting, and tried before Justice Dutton on Wednesday, and acquitted for lack of evidence. He was not the worst one, but only present with others who were far more guilty than himself; but we think he gave unwarrantable "aid and comfort" to those who took the more active part in the disgraceful transaction, which, as we learn, was of a character that should shame a hot-blooded, and such as no person of respectability would engage in, or countenance in any way.

We hope the more openly guilty parties will be arrested and brought to justice, and made examples of, to the extent of the law's penalty; for the crime has been repeated, under such circumstances as to enhance the turpitude of the actors. By the way, if we understand them aright, the criminal laws of our State are very lame, with immense loopholes for the escape of offenders, and are in much need of revision. Laws are for the punishment of the guilty, and the protection of the innocent, and they ought not to be mere scarecrows, which have no practical force, and from whose nervous grasp nearly every rascal can make his escape. Our next legislature should amend them so that they will be efficient.

## OSKALOOSA PRICES CURRENT.

CORRECTED EVERY WEEK BY  
G. B. CARBON, Family Grocer.

Flour, per 100 lbs.	82.50	83.40
Corn, bush.	1.15	1.20
Corn Meal "	1.15	1.20
Potatoes "	1.15	1.20
Beans "	1.15	1.20
Onion " "	1.15	1.20
Apple " "	1.15	1.20
Green " "	1.15	1.20
Lard " "	1.15	1.20
Butter " "	1.15	1.20
Eggs per doz.	1.15	1.20
Bacon—Hams per lb.	1.15	1.20
Shoulders "	1.15	1.20
Sides "	1.15	1.20
Star Candles "	1.15	1.20
Tallow "	1.15	1.20
Rice "	1.15	1.20
Blue Coffee "	1.15	1.20
Sugar—Hops per gal.	1.15	1.20
Dry Hides "	1.15	1.20
Green "	1.15	1.20

## Order of Publication.

STATE OF KANSAS, ss.  
County of Jefferson.

George W. Grayson, Clerk.

Walter M. Allen, John F. Hinton, and G. B. Carbon.

The above named defendants, Walter M. Allen and John F. Hinton, will take notice that said plaintiff has filed the petition in the above entitled case, against the said defendants, in the District Court of said county, and prays that judgment be rendered against the said Walter M. Allen for the sum of \$250, with interest thereon from September 1st, 1862, to the date of payment, and against the said John F. Hinton for the sum of \$250, with interest thereon from September 1st, 1862, to the date of payment, and against the said George W. Grayson for the sum of \$250, with interest thereon from September 1st, 1862, to the date of payment, and against the said Walter M. Allen for the sum of \$250, with interest thereon from September 1st, 1862, to the date of payment, and against the said John F. Hinton for the sum of \$250, with interest thereon from September 1st, 1862, to the date of payment, and against the said George W. 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